

## Preface

The 1st International Graduate Conference on Digital Policy and Governance Sustainability (DiGeS-Grace) 2024 is proudly organized by the Research and Innovation Institute at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta. This conference aims to provide a platform for scholars, practitioners, and industry professionals to engage in meaningful discussions around the pressing challenges and innovative solutions in the realm of digital governance and sustainable development.

The theme for DiGeS-Grace 2024 is 'Digital Legal Frameworks for Environment and Sustainable Transformation'. This theme focuses on specific, targeted topics, including but not limited to:

- Smart Environments for Digital Media
- Data Analytics and Decision Making
- Legal and Regulatory Frameworks in Smart Society
- Environmental Awareness and Education
- Intelligent Management of Ecological Systems
- Economic Impacts of Smart Society

These topics aim to facilitate in-depth exploration and scholarly exchange rather than broad generalizations.

This inaugural conference builds upon the momentum of previous successful gatherings focused on digital policy and governance, which have highlighted significant advancements and ongoing research in the field.

All submitted manuscripts will undergo a rigorous peer-review process to ensure the highest quality of contributions. Each submission will be evaluated by a panel of at least five esteemed reviewers selected from our Scientific Committee. The review process will assess the originality, depth of analysis, and relevance of the research to the conference themes. The peer-review process will be conducted by a distinguished team of Guest Editors and editors.

We are honored to have an international standing Scientific Committee comprising leading experts in digital governance and sustainability. All members have consented to the use of their names and affiliations in this preface. DiGeS-Grace 2024 aims to attract a diverse range of participants, with an expectation of contributions from over 10 countries. We extend our gratitude to our associated partners and sponsors who have supported this initiative, including: Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Bukidnon State University, American International University.

Their contributions have been invaluable in making this event possible.

Chairman of DiGeS 2024

Yessi Jusman

## Editorial Messages

As the organizing committee for the 1st International Graduate Conference on Digital Policy and Governance Sustainability (DiGeS-Grace) 2024, we are excited to welcome participants from diverse backgrounds to engage in meaningful discussions on the theme 'Digital Legal Frameworks for Environment and Sustainable Transformation.' Our aim is to provide a platform for the exchange of innovative ideas that contribute to sustainable development through digital governance.

To ensure the highest quality of research contributions, DiGeS-Grace 2024 has implemented a rigorous peer-review process. Each submitted manuscript will undergo the following steps:

1. Initial Submission: All papers must be submitted through the EDAS system
2. Plagiarism Check: Submitted manuscripts will first be screened for originality using the integrated plagiarism detection tools. Manuscripts with a similarity index exceeding 25% will be returned to authors for revision.
3. Peer Review:

- Manuscripts that pass the similarity check will be assigned to a panel of at least five reviewers from our esteemed Scientific Committee. The peer review will focus on various quality criteria, including topic relevance, originality, depth of analysis, significance, and methodology.

- Reviewers will have three weeks to complete their evaluations and provide constructive feedback.

4. Final Decision: Following the review process, the Editorial Board will conduct a final review of all manuscripts. Decisions on acceptance, required revisions, or rejection was communicated to the authors.

Accepted papers will undergo a final editing phase to ensure compliance with the conference formatting and quality standards. Authors will be notified of any necessary adjustments based on reviewer feedback. We encourage authors to carefully consider the feedback provided by reviewers and to revise their manuscripts accordingly. The goal is to enhance the clarity, rigor, and overall quality of the work before it is published in the conference proceedings.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Guest Editors, reviewers, and the Scientific Committee for their dedication and commitment to maintaining the integrity of our academic processes. Their expertise and insights are invaluable in ensuring that we uphold the highest standards of scholarship.

We are committed to fostering a collaborative environment where ideas can flourish and where participants can engage meaningfully with one another. We look forward to your active participation in DiGeS-Grace 2024 and anticipate a fruitful exchange of knowledge that will advance the field of digital governance and sustainability.

Editors,

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